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that the board of governors' races are nonpartisan races, and that we already in statute allow several other offices to skip the primary election if there are two or fewer candidates. They include the directors of natural resources, the directors of reclamation districts, Class III school boards, and officers of first- or second-class cities which have a city manager plan of government. And there will be a cost saving to the community colleges if they do not have to have ballot space on that primary election ballot, because counties are allowed to bill political subdivisions for election costs based on the amount of space they use on the ballot. I asked Dennis Baack, who's the executive director of the colleges...I don't know if I have that title right or not, but that's the function he serves...and he told me that statewide there would probably be about a \$40,000 to \$50,000 savings for the community colleges if we were to enact this bill. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would return the rest of my time to the Chair.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on LB 15. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Schimek, do you wish to close on LB 15?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I think I'll just waive closing.

SPEAKER BROMM: Okay. Thank you, Senator Schimek. The question then before us is the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 15. Those in favor please vote aye, and those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 15.

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 15 is advanced. Next item, Mr. Clerk

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 357 was a bill introduced by the Government Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14 of this year, at that time referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.